

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 74

House of Representatives, Feb. 1, 1917.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. King of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE to Maintain the State Forest Nursery and to
Encourage the Reforesting of the Waste Lands of Maine.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and
2 hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and
3 seventeen, and the sum of two thousand dollars for the
4 year nineteen hundred and eighteen, to be expended by the
5 forest commissioner (or state forester) for the maintenance
6 of the State Forest Nursery, in connection with the De-
7 partment of Forestry at Orono, to supply forest tree seed-
8 lings and transplants at cost of production for use in plant-
9 ing waste lands in Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

During the past year more than 183,000 trees have been distributed throughout the state through the State Forest Nursery. There are now on hand over 500,000 young seedlings and transplants aged from one to three years. More labor is required to take care of this growing stock, and a considerable amount of extra labor will be required for transplanting from now on. The area will also have to be intensively cultivated, and new areas worked up into seed and transplant beds.

On account of the white pine blister rust, it may be necessary to change from this species to other species not susceptible to the disease; and this will add considerably to the expense and also to prolonging the time at which the nursery may become self-supporting.

The demand for planting stock is steadily increasing, and there are now on file advance orders for a considerable portion of the stock now on hand, and several orders for a regular amount per annum.